

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An improvement station for improving the longitudinal uniformity of a wet coating on a substrate having a direction of motion comprising a train of three or more pick-and-place devices ~~of different sizes~~ that are rolls having contiguous contacting surfaces, at least two of which rotate at speeds different from each other, that contact the wet coating at a first position on the substrate and re-contact the wet coating at positions on the substrate ~~whose the lengths of which~~ positions along the substrate with respect to the first position are not the same or nor integer multiples of one another, said improvement station being characterized by an absence of any pair of rolls, one on each side of the substrate, forming a nip through which the substrate passes.
2. (Previously presented) An improvement station according to claim 1 wherein at least two of the pick-and-place devices rotate in the direction of substrate motion.
- 3-18. (Cancelled)
19. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 in which there is a speed differential between the substrate and at least 2 of the pick-and-place rolls.
20. (New) The improvement station of claim 19 in which the speed differential between the substrate and at least two of the pick-and-place rolls is periodic and out of phase with one another.
21. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 in which there is a sinusoidal speed differential between the substrate and at least one of the pick-and-place rolls.
22. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 in which the speed differential between the substrate and at least one of the pick-and-place rolls has opposite signs for a portion of time.

23. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 in which the pick-and-place devices are rolls of equal diameter.

24. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 which further comprises thickness measuring devices connected to a controller that controls the speed of the pick-and-place rolls.

25. (New) The improvement station of claim 1 further comprising a drying or curing apparatus downstream of the pick-and-place devices.

26. (New) An improvement station for improving the uniformity of a wet coating on a substrate having a direction of motion, comprising a at least three pick-and-place rolls having contiguous contacting surfaces, at least two of which rolls have diameters different from each other, that contact the wet coating at a first position on the substrate and re-contact the wet coating at positions on the substrate, the distances of which positions along the substrate with respect to the first position are not the same nor integer multiples of one another, said improvement station being characterized by an absence of pairs of rolls, one on each side of the substrate, forming a nip through which the substrate passes.

27. (New) The improvement station of claim 26 which further comprises thickness measuring devices connected to a controller that controls the speed of the pick-and-place rolls.

28. (New) The improvement station of claim 26 further comprising a drying or curing apparatus downstream of the pick-and-place rolls.